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Unbeaten path to degree can be smooth one

OKCCC offers more than meets the eye

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Some of the degree programs offered at OKCCC appear to have gone largely unnoticed. While students continue to turn out in droves to enroll in popular degree programs such as nursing, psychology and science, it might be worth the time to explore a few of the unbeaten paths to an associate degree.

Have a nose for business but also want to explore the world? The International Studies degree may be a good choice. Business professor V.J. Ramachandran said international business will be the job of the future.

"[Business] is becoming very globalized," he said. "A lot of the jobs in the future are going to be related to international business."

Ramachandran said the program ties in well with the programs at the University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma and especially Oklahoma City University because all of the credits will transfer there.

The International Business associate degree is intended as a transfer degree for students who want to get a bachelor's degree. He said students also can take classes needed for the degree at other schools and transfer the credit back to OKCCC.

Starting salary ranges from \$30,000 to \$60,000, depending on where... a student is willing to go, Ramachandran said.

He said jobs in the United States will be fewer while someone would fare well in a country such as China.

"The opportunities for employment are going to be in overseas markets," he said.

By the way, Ramachandran said, students who seek the degree will have to learn a second language. No problem. OKCCC offers French, German and Spanish classes.

The field of computers has expanded to meet the needs of the 21st century as well.

Al Heitkamper, information technology dean, oversaw the launching of the Cyber Security degree just this spring with an online class. He

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Photo by Billy Adams

Swe-e-e-t: Cecilia Yoder (left), psychology professor, helps student Karie Hames buy chances to win "The Window of Opportunity" at the faculty's Make It, Bake It sale. Several faculty members donated items ranging from homemade jewelry to baked goods. The proceeds, totalling \$2,100, will go to fund the Faculty Association scholarships. History professor Ray McCullar donated the window.

Polish prof to say 'godzina'

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Poland — located between Germany and Russia — is about to have a little piece of Oklahoma brought back to it.

Physics and geography professor Dorota Grudzinska will leave OKCCC at the end of May after finishing a two-semester stint as a Fulbright exchange professor. Grudzinska is from Gdynia, Poland.

The Fulbright Program is operated by the U.S. State Department.

Grudzinska said she had to go through a long process that in-

cluded language tests and an interview with the United States Ambassador to Poland.

Grudzinska said she was very nervous about the meeting. She said he asked her why she wanted to come to the United States. She replied that she wanted to see the desert since she's a geographer.

Grudzinska said she didn't want to go to Los Angeles or New York because she wanted to see the real heart of America firsthand.

Grudzinska said she has wanted to participate in the program for some time.

"I work in an international school where



Photo courtesy of OKCCC PR Dept.

Dorota Grudzinska

many of our teachers were Fulbright exchange teachers," she said. "They had excellent experiences and... came back with new skills."

She said she joins an honorable membership now as some of the Fulbright

Alumni include Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, governors, senators, ambassadors, artists, prime ministers, scientists, heads of state, Supreme Court Justices, and CEOs.

The committee is very selective in the process of choosing, she said. Funding is primarily through the U.S. Congress.

Last year the appropriation for the Fulbright Program was \$122.9 million dollars, according to exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright.

Grudzinska said she is the only exchange

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Editorial and Opinion

Editorial

Condom labels wrong place for sex education

Who reads the fine print on a condom label? The guess is probably very few. President Bush thinks it might be a good idea to add a few more lines to the already small labels.

Bush asked the Food and Drug Administration to modify the current warning on condom labels and include information on HPV (human papillomavirus) or genital warts, according to the Associated Press.

The public should be educated about these two types of sexual diseases and also should be warned that condoms may not prevent them from being transmitted from one person to another. Adding this type of information on a hard-to-read condom label is not going to raise much awareness.

Bush should focus his effects on how to encourage the use of condoms by sexually active singles, and not just throw in a few lines which might not even make sense to many of us.

It has not been confirmed by studies that male latex condoms prevent transmission of HPV itself, reports the website of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and National Institute of Health.

However, the results of studies do suggest the use of condoms may reduce the risk of developing diseases linked to HPV, such as genital warts and cervical cancer.

The issue also led to debates between scientists and those who advocate abstinence, AP says.

A manager for an abstinence policy department told AP the best way to prevent HPV is not to have sex.

The abstinence supporters are obviously ignoring the fact that many people are sexually active, and it's impossible to tell them to save sex for later when they are married.

Scientists, on the other hand, said they worry that abstinence groups are dismissing important information to promote their values.

Waiting until marriage to have sex is a rarity in the society we live in today. Advocating celibacy until marriage is not the best solution for preventing sexual diseases.

Two people getting married does not necessarily mean they are certain the other person is absolutely safe from diseases, unless they visit their physicians and test to find out.

Early on this semester, Planned Parenthood visited our campus and set up an information booth outside the entrance of the student union. They were giving out condoms and information about sexually transmitted diseases as well as contraception methods.

This is much more effective than Bush's recommendation to talk about diseases on condom labels.

—**Caroline Ting**
Editor

Student explains point of view

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Jeremy Williams' letter in the March 29 issue. This letter is not just addressed to Williams, but to all the cast of "The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)."

My criticisms maybe were a little harsh. But after talking to certain people of ethnicity such as black, Latino and white, they said I was not harsh, and I was right. What the cast did concerning the Othello piece was offensive, but I continued to give them credit for the rest of the show.

I enjoyed the other skits, but you have to understand, as a person of color, I would naturally be upset by the Othello skit.

Othello is a sensitive play that deals with the injustice of prejudice and racism. It was not made to be in a fun manner. I did not bash the girls. I just offered criticism on their performance.

I knew at least one of the girls was Hispanic. I attended the play with Hispanic friends who were offended so what does that

tell Williams?

I would have left the show if it were not for the fact that I was doing a report over the program. He told me to "keep in mind that the script was originally written for three white men."

Keep in mind that this is 2004. If you can change the scripts to make it more humorous, you can change actors' racial roles as well.

I am a member of the Black Student Association and campus representative of the International Student Association because I lived in Ghana for seven years. The black power salute does relate to the Back-to-Africa movement, but it also does to the Civil Rights movement in which frustrated African Americans who followed Martin Luther King's nonviolence philosophy and finally got fed up after seeing little or no results.

They decided to follow a more militant or vigilant attitude by coining the words "Black Power" as a sign of racial pride. Thus, leading to the Back to Africa movement, stated by the Black Panthers in which they

thought the only way to get their full civil rights was if they went back to their place of origin where they were accepted and could live in peace.

I would like to say to Williams, the cast of the play and anyone else who might have been offended by my previous letter or this one: I'm not a racist to people of noncolor or ethnicity.

—**Jonathan Nimo**
OKCCC student

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Once upon a time there were 3 little pigs,
so I ate them. End of story. Now go to sleep!

Comments and Reviews

Nude piece unsuitable for minors

To the editor:

In response to all the letters concerning the nude artwork, I would like to speak up in Allison Foster's defense. As a fellow student at OKCCC and a Christian, I was also offended and shocked that the art was displayed in a public area. I applaud Foster's boldness to stand up for her beliefs.

Many students do not realize that at OKCCC, there is a high school. Although the students are not usually in the Arts and Humanities area, they are among us. There is also a program called Upward Bound that also has many high school students. The teachers generally try to keep the students in designated areas, but kids do wonder [sic]. Most parents

would not want their children to be exposed to nude drawings. As adults and college students, we should have the right to display nude art, but not in places where minors can have easy access.

Benton Shriver said, "If some narrow-minded people aren't satisfied with what God blessed them with, why should everyone else have to suffer for it?" It's not because I am narrow-minded or unsatisfied with my body that I disapprove of the art. It is because in the Bible, it states, "Our bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit" in Leviticus 18:17. "You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman." And in Leviticus 18:26-30, it says, "You shall therefore keep my

statues and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations... I am the Lord your God."

According to the Bible, it is wrong to reveal the nakedness of an individual, male or female, unless married to them. It isn't a matter of being narrow-minded. It's about morals and modesty.

The issue at hand is nudity at OKCCC. The nude models do not pose in the hallways nor are students allowed to walk around the college nude. Why not? The idea is ridiculous. The same should be for nude art. If students want to display their art, they should have a separate room.

—Katie Perkins
Nursing major

Thrice has originality in music

From the suburbs of Orange County to the all-day punkfest of Warped Tour, it seems Thrice has established itself in different directions.

The "screamo" band played the Green Door in Oklahoma City on April 3, for a show that left other venues empty.

The sold-out show also featured the bands Moments in Grace and Poison the Well. Thrice hit the stage last but certainly not least. Lead singer Dustin Kensrue, thrashed out into the audience and gave some lucky fans a chance to touch his leg.

The whole band was all over the stage, hyping the audience and never missing a beat.

Their music has been called a mixture of Thursday and Metallica inter-

twined, dashed with heart and anger and given the label: punk-metal or "screamo."

The band, formed in '98, consists of Kensrue as lead singer, guitarist Teppei Teranishi, bassist Ed Breckenridge, and older brother Riley Breckenridge, on drums.

They initially played many charities and benefits, doing small shows and building a fan base. Their success in that arena got them signed to Island Records in 2002.

They have since been climbing the charts, playing with bands like The Used, NOFX, Strung Out, plus hundreds of other punk bands at Warped Tours 2001-2003.

This summer they are hitting the road with Dashboard Confessional for a

show they can't wait for, Riley said.

The low-key band came out with their third album "Artist in the Ambulance" in 2003, which has received rave reviews from Rolling Stone, Spin, Blender and Stuff. Their CD has an even mixture of harder songs and softer songs.

The lyrics are very spiritual and deep which is contrary to many of the emo/punk bands today.

A percentage of the proceeds from their CD goes to a cancer charity. Oh, what nice guys! These guys can even be seen on MTV2 and Fuse.

With one being crappy and five being outstanding, I give this up-and-coming band a four. It's nice to finally hear some originality.

—Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Quote of the Week:

"Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever."

—Napoleon Bonaparte



Q: Why can't we evaluate instructors who have been here for a certain number of years?

A: We do evaluate every professor. Every professor from every class is evaluated in the fall semester through the SII (Student Input on Instruction). In the spring semester all part-time and any new full-time instructors are evaluated through the same system.

Students are given opportunities to fill out the forms in class, usually within the 12th to 13th week if the students are enrolled in a 16-week semester.

Professors are supposed to leave the classrooms while students are filling out the forms. One student from each class is responsible for passing out and gathering the forms once they're filled out and taking them to the division dean's office.

—Annmarie Shirazi
Dean of Planning and
Institutional Effectiveness

Q: Are the anatomy and cadaver classes going to be closed?

A: No. I have not heard anything about plans for closing down the program, but there is talk of expanding it.

—Max Simmons
Dean of Science and Mathematics

Q: What are the qualifications for our chemistry professors?

A: Generally, the qualifications are a master's degree with at least 18 graduate credit hours in the field that they plan on teaching in.

—Max Simmons
Dean of Science and Mathematics

Q: Why aren't there more Ethernet jacks in the college?

A: We have them all over the place and we even have wireless Internet access in certain areas. The areas include common areas as well as the atrium area on the first floor of the main building.

We have the wireless disabled right now because of heavy enrollment. Also, the computer science lab has 110 computers connected to the network, so that we didn't really see a need for there to be a multitude of unused ports on campus.

—Lisa Davis
Director of Technology Support Services/
Network Administrator

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that you don't have the
answer for?

Give us the question and we will
find the answer for you.
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Comments and Reviews

Petition holder says she's misrepresented

To the editor:

First of all, I would like everyone to know that I have been misquoted and misrepresented by the Pioneer.

The March 29 issue indicated that I did not reveal my name to the Dean of Arts and Humanities, Susan VanSchuyver. In fact, that was the very first thing I did when I contacted her. It also states that I informed VanSchuyver that I would circulate a petition if the piece was not removed "immediately." Not so. Only after VanSchuyver said she would not remove the art did I mention anything about a petition. During this phone conversation, I never commanded VanSchuyver to do anything "immediately."

The April 5 issue claimed that I only "attended the college one hour a week."

This is about as far away from the truth as one could get. Is there even a class offered at OKCCC only requiring attendance for one hour a week? Please let me know if you find any.

In addition to all of this misinformation, the article states that I disagree with a man named Cole Bridges. I never heard of Bridges, I never heard his quote. Therefore, I could not have agreed or disagreed. The Pioneer could not have shared my opinion simply because I had not given them my opinion.

The article also indicated that I had received one more signature since the art was removed. However; during this interview I said that I had received one more signature that day. I never said that I would hold the petition off until the art was returned. I said that I

would hold them until Monday. Get the facts straight.

Contributing writers who wrote letters to the editor seem to be more concerned with attacking me, personally, than they are tackling the issues which caused the controversy. Is this how responsible, mature adults should act? What exactly are you attempting to accomplish?

My point has been misrepresented, too. I am not wanting to rid you of your drawings nor am I attempting to "rid the world of breasts." I am not "censoring" anything. I just felt the drawing should be removed and placed in a display room or art gallery of some sort.

I understand that the college has desired to have an art gallery for more than 30 years. Why can't the draw-

"In America, I have the choice to visit an art museum or go to a strip club. [The art] should not be forced on me nor should it be in my face in this public hallway."

—Allison Foster
Business major

ings or paintings simply be placed in a designated area so that each individual can choose to enter or not?

In America, I have the choice to visit an art museum or go to a strip club. It should not be forced on me nor should it be in my face in this public hallway. In order to have an unbiased, balanced paper, the facts must be correct, the content must be focused on the issue, and the points of view must be evenly distributed in the article.

The letters to the editor should be from all sides of

the issue as well. I know of at least one person who submitted a letter to the editor before the deadline. Equal coverage is imperative to a good, truthful, unbiased story.

By these previously stated facts, the Pioneer has not produced truthful and unbiased coverage. The Pioneer has misrepresented me and my point of view as well as using libel defamation and erroneous information. Let's get the facts straight.

—Allison Foster
Business major

Gay marriages disrespect student's faith in Christianity

To the editor:

In response to Lacey Lett's editorial and David De La Rosa's letter regarding gay marriages in the March 22 and April 5 issues, I felt compelled to express my opinion. My point is, where does it end? A better question to ask is where, when and how marriage came about and what its original design was.

I think we can all agree that marriage is a union created by the God of Abraham, Issac [sic], and Jacob between a man and a woman. I have to refer to God as that since so many people believe in a God they "create" in their own imaginations and thoughts.

They believe in bits and pieces, a few verses here and there, and hearsay from other people. They cling to verses stripped out of context that say, "God is love," but never take the time to read exactly what God was saying in the en-

tirety of the chapter.

Should you find another origin for marriage before the Garden of Eden or creation? I'd love to hear about it. Since we live in the Bible Belt of the country and the majority of Oklahomans at least consider themselves Christians, there are more negative reactions to same sex marriages.

It is insulting to me and my faith that the very foundation marriage was based on is under attack to be modified to fit your alternative lifestyle. I believe it is immoral, and the God who created marriage says it's immoral. It's making a mockery of God and the union he desired to be so pure.

Don't get me and several other Oklahomans wrong, I do not hate homosexuals. I do however hate the act of homosexuality itself. To a Christian, that has to be my stand if I am to say I serve the God I mentioned

above. If anyone can prove to me the God I am referring to instructs me to embrace, support and love the act of homosexuality, please advise me that I am wrong.

I would love to see someone show me biblically where God loves homosexuality. Maybe in the process of seeking, you'd get revelation and experience a God that does love the sinner and wants to deliver his people from bondage.

I personally cannot compromise and say homosexuality is OK nor can I support it. I certainly do not judge it. My stand is not discrimination, prejudice, nor do I have any kind of hate for homosexuals. I have to take a stand that my God commands of me.

So, my opinion is if you love someone of the same sex and you want to be with them for the rest of your life in some sort of union, then come up with something

else and leave my God's marriage and the union he created to be between himself, a man and a woman alone.

Create your own, call it what you want, give it all the benefits of traditional Christian marriage and let the government recognize it as equivalent — I have no problem with that. But stop trying to change, modify and outline marriage itself to fit your individual needs.

Why can't you respect Christian marriage even if you don't believe in God?

Respect it like you are demanding respect and form your own union based on your common principals [sic] and what you consider to be moral.

Is it unfair to you that I do not want to change the marriage union I believe my God created or is it unfair to me that you are trying to devalue my marriage, make a mockery and circus out of it, and disrespect its meaning and my God instead of creating your own?

—Karen Cuellar
Art major

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Conservation is key on Earth Day

By Nicole Padilla
Staff Writer

Next time you are outside, stop for one minute. Look up at the sky and then down at the ground. The clean air you breathe is all around you, and the earth rests below your feet.

Sometimes people take it for granted that they have all that they do. Green fields get paved over with new roads, and businesses sprout up in the place of ancient forests.

On April 22, everyone around the world will unite in celebrating Earth Day.

On this day, people are encouraged to conserve energy, clean up the environment and begin a recycling program, if they haven't already done so.

Here are some tips to keep in mind when celebrating Earth Day, or probably every day:

- Turn off lights when you leave a room, and close shades and blinds at night to reduce the amount of heat entering through win-

dows. To conserve energy, try not to run large appliances during the peak energy hours of 5 to 9 a.m., and 4 to 7 p.m.

- Try to carpool, use public transportation or use other forms of transportation than an automobile, like a bicycle for instance. This helps to decrease the pollution in the air.

- Recycle paper, aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Make a separate bin next to the trash can for recyclable items.

There are many ways to help out on Earth Day in your community. However, Earth Day does not have to be celebrated only one day of the year. Conserving the environment should be done everyday.

National Wildlife Week is also scheduled around the same time as Earth Day, from April 19 to 25. According to www.nwf.org, the goal of this week is to educate people about wildlife conservation issues, such as pollution, endangered species and water quality.

For more information on Earth Day visit

Little in a big place



The Oklahoma Broadcast Education Association hosted a seminar April 2 at the Westin Hotel downtown, for colleges across the state. Professor of Mass Media Communications Gwin Faulconer-Lippert, (far left), is the president of the education association. Students got advice from broadcasters around the state including Cherokee Ballard, Jed Castles, John Christensen and Frank Johnson. Students who attended (from left back) are Matt Reust, Tyler Rogers, Kai Dameron, Marouane Bouadbedi, Trevor Rivera. (from left front) Casey McDermott, Mandi McCoy, Brooke Howard and Lacey Lett. Rick Lippert, adjunct professor, also is a part of the association (far right).

www.earthday.net.

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System to aid sign-language users

By Chris Gores
News Writing I Student

Sorenson Video Relay System has recently been installed in the office of Students with Disabilities to aid communication for those who rely on sign language as a form of communication.

A web cam allows the hearing-impaired individual to "sign" back and forth with an American Sign Language certified operator who appears on a computer screen in front of them. The operator then places the call to the business or residence desired and verbally communicates the message to the person on the other

end of the line. The response given is signed back by the operator in real time, said Pat Stowe, director for Services to Students with Disabilities.

Many individuals who are hard of hearing may be more comfortable using the text telephone, but that may not be the case for some deaf people as the ASL syntax is different from a text phone, said Disability Support Assistant Cheri Lee.

Lead Interpreter Tammy Earl said she currently has 10 deaf students who would benefit from the system. Tone is very important in conversing between two people over the phone. The Sorenson Video Relay System is making

that a reality for the hearing impaired, said Disability Accommodation Assistant Vicky Wilson.

The interpreters do a great job of communicating emotions and facial grammar using the system.

"Overall, the results we have been getting is communication that is easier, clearer and better understood," she said.

The system is free to use with free long distance, and is available to public who are deaf or hard of hearing. They are welcome to use the system in the Services to Students with Disabilities office during 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Ceremony honors achievers

By Lacey Lett
Staff Writer

Students who receive an invitation in the mail to the Students Award's Ceremony can be assured they will receive an award that night. The ceremony is at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 16 in the college union.

The different awards to be given out are: the student organization awards, Student English Essay awards, different scholarships, recognition of honors graduates, certificates of achievement and the President's award for excellence. These are given out in each division.

Marcy Wiggins, Student Life assistant, said this is entirely a student related event. She said the ceremony will last around 90 minutes. The reception will directly follow.

"It depends on how long you want to mingle," Wiggins said.

There also will be a photographer taking photos at the reception. Students receiving awards are asked to arrive 20 minutes prior to the ceremony to check in. Parking will be completely open in all campus parking lots.

Students can bring as many people as they want, but should R.S.V.P. by April 9 by calling the Office of Student Life at 682-1611, ext. 7523.

Senior Staff Writer Lacey Lett, can be reached at seniorwriter@okccc.edu.

Personal ads are free for students! Call 682-1611, ext. 7674.

Marine dinosaur consumes retired prof's spare time

In 1967 when Dr. John W. Perry began his teaching career in Indiana, he never imagined that 37 years later he would be presenting a scientific paper on the plesiosaur.

Perry, former OKCCC biology professor, returned to the college recently to speak to news writing students about his life as a paleontologist after retirement.

Perry retired from teaching last year after 25 years at OKCCC. His decision to retire came when he decided there were more things he wanted to do. He wanted to spend more time at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History where he was a docent, or guide. He soon became deeply involved in the study of paleontology.

"You don't retire from something, you retire to something," Perry said.

In 2001, Perry had been invited to a dig site in southern Oklahoma near Durant. Eleven vertebrae of a plesiosaur, a marine predator that lived more than 80 million years ago, had been found there by a local teacher. Perry assisted in recovering about 30 percent of the plesiosaur, a creature that some believe resembles the mythical Loch Ness Monster.

The plesiosaur actually looked more like a "turtle with a snake drawn through it," Perry said.

The aquatic animals had small heads with large teeth that formed baskets to catch food. They also had long necks and flippers that were used as wings to glide in the water. About the size of a



John W. Perry

sperm whale, the plesiosaur's diet consisted of fish and squid, Perry said.

The plesiosaur is now at the Sam Noble Museum. Perry spent several months helping clean the fossilized vertebrae and preparing them for the collection. The museum now has about 76 vertebrae that stretch about 23 feet.

Bill May, one of Perry's research associates at the museum, encouraged Perry to write a scientific paper on the find. Perry accepted May's advice and worked for three months on the paper.

In late April, Perry will present "An Examination of Plesiosaur Remains from Bryan County, Okla." to the Kansas Academy of Science of the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

Perry has ended his 40-year teaching career, but he has not ended his quest for knowledge.

"Learning is lifelong. You must be a student for life," Perry said.

Written by students in Clay Randolph's News Writing I class.

Aquatic Center offers lessons

By Emily Gotwals
News Writing I Student

An excellent place for adults and children to learn how to swim and dive is at the Aquatic Center on the southwest side of the OKCCC campus.

The Aquatic Center offers swimming lessons for children ages 3 to 13, and also provides pre-competitive swim lessons as well as adult instruction.

The instruction is held in an Olympic-size swimming pool that holds more than 660 gallons of water, said

Chris Snow, Physical Plant building maintenance and operations supervisor.

Snow was working at OKCCC while the Aquatic Center was under construction in the late '80s.

The prices differ with each age group. The next class for swimming lessons begins April 20 and runs through May 13. The class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Diving lessons also are offered at the Aquatic Center's 18-foot diving well. The diving well is equipped with eight different platforms; the tallest is 10 meters, which is equivalent to a four-story building.

There is open swim, where anyone may swim laps or dive on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults, and \$4 for children.

The Aquatic Center also is used for hosting premiere indoor competitive state and national competitions.

Send a letter to the editor at
editor@okccc.edu

Night classes cause strange eating habits

By Sara Scarbrough
News Writing I Student

Many students change their eating schedule when they have night classes at OKCCC.

While college students enjoy eating at home because it is cheap, night classes usually cause them to find other options.

Nursing major Sarah Polk, 20, attends the University of Oklahoma but takes a night class at OKCCC once a week. Polk, like many other students who commute from Norman, prefers to eat after class.

"My sorority serves dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m.," she said. "Since my photography class starts at 5:30 p.m., I leave Norman before I have a chance to eat dinner."

Polk usually stops by Subway on her way back to Norman and grabs a sandwich.

"I'm a picky eater," she said.

Steve Kanaly, a full-time student at OKCCC, also commutes from Norman.

Because Kanaly has night classes three times a week, he favors anything quick and easy that he can make when he gets home.

"A lot of Easy Mac seems to be my dinner of choice at least one night a week, but sometimes I stop by Taco Bell and eat on the way home because I am too hungry to wait," he said.

Other fast food chains, such as Taco Bueno, McDonald's and Wendy's, also are common restaurants where students choose to eat dinner.

Chemistry major Jess Maulsby, 21, of Oklahoma City, eats two dinners: one before class and one after class.

"I eat at my house before leaving for OKCCC, but when I get out of class at 8 p.m., I am hungry again."

Maulsby either succumbs to the fast food option or chooses a simple snack at a gas station.

Snacking during class seems to be a popular solution for many students as well.

Lindsey Wolfe, health and sport science major at OU, goes the healthy route.

"I like to bring little cups of apple sauce and my bottled water with me," she said.

Other students veer more toward the vending machines.

"I usually get a pop or a candy bar during the break," Polk said.

Kanaly enjoys munching on Snickers.

"Sometimes I need the sugar boost to get me through class."

"A lot of Easy Mac seems to be my dinner of choice at least one night a week..."

—Steve Kanaly
Full-time night student

How does your garden grow?

By Shelby Teasley
News Writing I Student

It's springtime and that means the children in Preschool B at OKCCC's Child Development Center and Lab School will soon be working in their garden.

This week, the kids have been learning about seeds. Each has planted a carrot in a cup.

The kids also have planted a carrot in a Root Vue, a clear planter through which the children can observe each phase of the growth of the carrot. This process will take about a week.

Connie Pidgeon, preschool teacher, asked the children what they thought seeds needed to grow. One student answered, "Angels and roses," while another answered, "Water and mud."

These activities are all a process of introducing the children to the concept of how seeds grow so they can properly care for their garden, Pidgeon said.

Before the kids begin working in the garden, a gardener is going to visit and show them how to rototill the soil.

That's when the real fun begins.

The kids will then decide which seeds to plant and draw a plan for the garden.

"I'm going to plant three seeds," said preschooler Christian Hinojosa.

"I'm going to plant flower seeds," said student Darien Hicks.

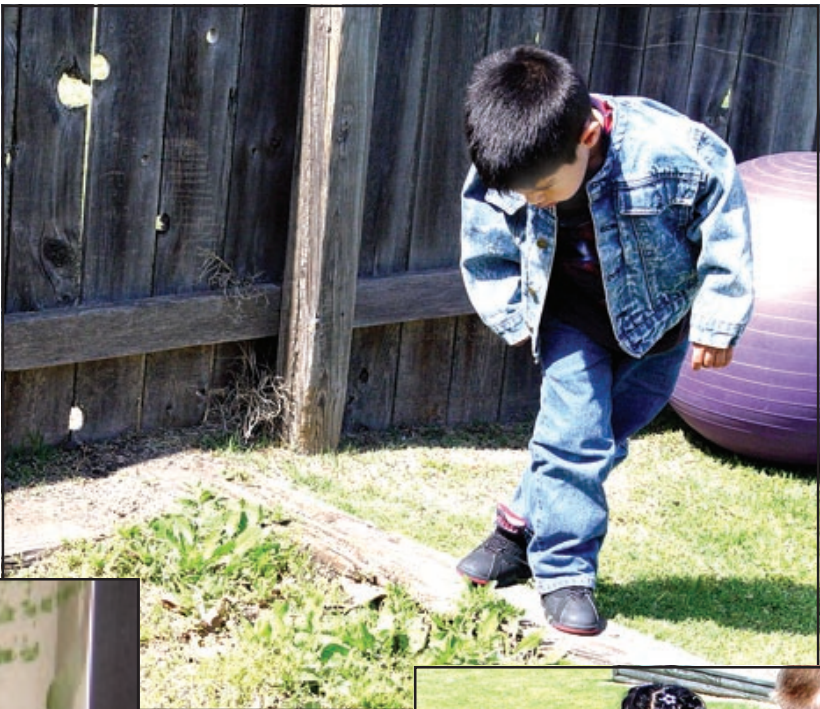
When asked how long the seeds would take to grow into flowers, student Andy Hall said, "A few minutes." Another, Miles King, said, "Six weeks."

Within just a few weeks, the children will find out if it is angels and roses that make seeds grow, and if in fact, they do grow in a few minutes.

For more information about the Child Development Center and Lab School call 682-1611, ext. 7561.



Cara Drummond stops to smell the mint that is growing in the Child Development Center and Lab School playground.



Christian Hinojosa inspects the garden plot to see if it's ready for planting.



Aryana Hooshiannejad checks on her carrot seed. The students planted a seed in a cup with their name on it.

Teacher Connie Pidgeon shows the students where pumpkins have begun to grow in their garden.



Photos by
Billy Adams



Pioneer claims Oklahoma Collegiate Press awards

Newspaper returns with 12 awards

By Nicole Padilla
Staff Writer

There was no red carpet or paparazzi flashing cameras, but Pioneer staffers felt like celebrities at the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association Spring Conference April 2.

After the morning sessions came the moment everyone had been waiting for: the newspaper awards.

In the end, OKCCC's Pioneer newspaper staff took 12 awards.

The most prestigious award was the first-place award for Overall Excellence in 2-year college newspapers. The Pioneer has won the first-place award for two consecutive years now.

Current and past staff were winners as well.

Caroline Ting, current

editor, won second place in editorials and third place in feature writing.

"I was really surprised to hear my name called not only once, but twice," Ting said. "It's really an honor, and it's really rewarding."

Lacey Lett, senior staff writer, felt both surprised and uplifted upon hearing of her wins for second-place in news writing and honorable mention in reviews.

"I was completely shocked because I didn't even know my stories had been entered," Lett said. "Reading the critiques that the judges gave really lifted my spirits about writing."

Former Pioneer Staff Writer Cole Bridges won first place for editorials.

"I'm really shocked to be honored with this award and amazed at the entire Pioneer staff on how many awards they took in."

Kate Brennan, former



Photo by Billy Adams

Pioneer Editor Caroline Ting, (right), picks up an award for the Pioneer at this year's OCPA conference. The college newspaper won 12 awards, including a first place in Over Excellence in 2-year college newspapers.

Pioneer editor, won first place in News Writing and an Honorable Mention in Investigative Reporting.

Brennan said it felt good to see the Pioneer at number one yet again.

"I feel very honored to have won. It's an important award. I also feel very

proud of my former fellow Pioneer staff writers and all of their accomplishments."

The other awards that were given are: first place sports writing, former News Writing I student Phillip Rogers; second place news photography, and honorable mention in fea-

ture photography, former photographer Keah Roggow; and honorable mention, sports photography, former photographer Mark Doescher.

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OKCCC Community Chorus to perform Gilbert, Sullivan

By Caroline Ting
Editor

"An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan" will be presented by the OKCCC Community Chorus at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, in rooms CU 1, 2 and 3. Everyone is welcome to join the free concert.

Jonathan Stewart, music professor and director of the community chorus said Gilbert and Sullivan were a team of a word writer and a composer in the late 19th century. The

operatic team wrote light comic opera in English, he said.

The operas are not really musicals, Stewart said. The primary purposes of the music were entertainment and comedy.

During the evening of the performance, about 10 choruses will be performed by the community chorus, Stewart said. Several solos and small ensembles will be performed as well.

"We will be doing pieces from about four different operas," Stewart said.

The pieces will come from "The Mikado," "The Pirates of Penzance," "Princess Ida" and "The Gondo-

liers."

A few of the most well known songs are from "The Pirates of Penzance." The choruses are "The Pirate King," "Ah, Leave Me Not" and the solo, "The Modern Major General."

Most of the songs will be accompanied by piano, Stewart said. Some of the choral works will be a cappella.

"It won't just be beautiful music. It'll be beautiful music that you'd want to laugh at," Stewart said.

For more information about the concert 682-1611, ext. 7249

Art auction fund-raiser to be held for local cancer victim

By Nicole Padilla
Staff Writer

There will be a charity art auction, "The Fight To Stay Alive," held at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 23, at the Book Beat & Co at 9136 S. Walker in Oklahoma City.

From 6 to 7 p.m. people will be able to view the art that is to be auctioned off. Then the auctioning will begin at 7 p.m.

The funds raised from this auction will go toward radiation and chemotherapy treatment for cancer victim Betty Davis.

Davis was diagnosed with lung cancer and has to undergo five radiation treatments a

week and chemotherapy every two days.

"We will keep going until every piece of artwork is auctioned off," said Betty Davis' daughter-in-law Alisa Davis.

Alisa Davis is a visual art student at OKCCC. The auction was her idea she said.

All art to be auctioned will be donations.

Art for the auction will be accepted all the way up until the day of the auction.

Davis said she attended an event where art was auctioned off in the past and thought to herself that it was a good idea.

"I'm an artist so I thought, 'why can't I do something like

that?'" Alisa Davis said.

The grandchildren of Betty Davis also are planning a huge garage sale to help raise funds.

The garage sale is scheduled for April 17 and 18. Betty Davis and Alisa Davis are hoping to receive donations for the sale as well.

For more information on the auction, garage sale or donations call 616-7407, 570-2857 or 682-3697.

You also can e-mail bookbeat@bookbeat.co.net or godson3@swbell.net.

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Magazine salespeople bother students

By Deana Perry
News Writing I Student

In the past two weeks there have been an estimated 15 complaints from students concerning people approaching them to sell magazine subscriptions.

Fourteen of the 15 were approached within the first few days after returning from spring break, said Safety and Security officer Shane Palmer.

Student Pilar Silva has been approached by two different people trying to sell her magazines.

"[One] came up to me and started hitting on me, and kept asking me to go party with him and his friends," said Silva.

She said she was first approached at the beginning of the semester and then again recently.

Palmer said campus security officers are doing all they can to keep this from continuing.

"We have made repeated calls to the magazine company and have talked with the manager of the solicitors," Palmer said.

He said the solicitors could be arrested for misdemeanor trespassing if they are caught on campus again. Further punishment could lead to charges of interfering with the educational process which is a felony in Oklahoma, Palmer said.

If that occurred, the solicitor could face at minimum one year in prison

and a \$1,000 fine.

The solicitors seem more focused on women who are alone said Palmer.

There have been more complaints from women but men have been approached as well, according to statements made by both Palmer and Silva.

Generally, targets are offered a chance to enter a contest of some sort to win a grand prize, whether for money or a free trip to a fancy resort.

The solicitors tend to distract people with corny pick-up lines or harmless flirting to get them to talk to salesmen about the magazine subscription.

The solicitors have been both men and women, Palmer said.

Three men approached

"[One] came up to me and started hitting on me, and kept asking me to go party with him and his friends."

—Pilar Silva
OKCCC Student

Richenda Silva while she was in the campus parking lot walking to her car.

"One guy used a stupid line to get me to talk to them, but I didn't stay around to hear it," she said.

Palmer said he and the rest of the campus security

officers are doing what they can to ensure the safety of students.

Those who need to contact security can either go to their office located on the first floor of the main building or call 682-1611 ext. 7691.

Future Olympic hopefuls train at OKCCC's Aquatic Center pool

By Emily Gotwals
News Writing I Student

Viewing water from the height of a four-story building gives some clue to what it feels like to be a diver.

This is the view that Kaylea Arnett, 10, sees several times daily from a 10-meter diving platform as she pursues her goal to be an Olympic diver.

She is one of several youngsters chasing the dream of Olympic stardom at the Oklahoma City Regional Training Center that opened at the Aquatic Center in July, 2001.

The center opened to help foster the advancement of future Olympic-bound divers said Alik Sarkisian, 40, the head coach of the center.

Begun with 12 athletes in 2001, the program now has more than 35 participants.

Sarkisian was the head coach for the Armenian Olympic Team in 1996. He has been diving since he was 10 years old.

Sarkisian said when he recruits a diver, the first thing he looks for is body type. His ideal diver's body type is, "not too tall, but smaller, with a straight body."

The divers on the team range from age 5 to 18.



Arnett, who resides in Oklahoma City, has been diving since she was 8.

This past summer, after successful competitions at regionals and nationals, Arnett qualified to go to Brazil for two weeks to compete internationally.

"It was a lot of fun," Arnett said of her trip to Brazil.

She said her favorite thing about diving is the feeling she gets when she is in the air — excitement and freedom until her fingertips hit the water.

Sarkisian believes Arnett will be in the 2008 Olympic Games in China.

Sarkisian's goal is to use his knowledge, skills and experience as a diving coach to train divers and to advance U.S. Diving in international competitions. He said he hopes to help divers achieve their fullest potential.

A practice usually consists of three to four hours, six days a week with one hour on dry land and the rest in the water.

Natasha Chikina, 28, from the Soviet Union, is Sarkisian's assistant.

She competed in the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games. Chikina gives diving lessons to younger ages and pre-teens. It is best to start young, she said.

For more information about diving lessons contact Sarkisian at 326-6940.

Spring break revelers get a ride

By Melanie Zuñiga
News Writing I Student

Three Baptist students from OKCCC spent their spring break with thousands of their fellow college students on Padre Island in South Texas.

The students went to provide a free taxi service to party-goers who needed a safe ride said student Daniel Dumbleton, 19. The service was free. Their only payment was an opportunity to share their faith, he said.

"It is not about religion," Dumbleton said. "It's about a relationship with God."

The students, members of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, joined forces with Southern Hills Baptist Church to spread the word of God with spring breakers.

Shasta Raymond and Rachel Graham went with Dumbleton.

The group sponsored the "Beach Reach" program, which was started 24 years ago by Buddy Young, BCM director at West Texas A&M University.

"The Beach Reachers saturated the island with cards that had our special hotline," Dumbleton said.

When a spring breaker called, he or she was picked up and taken anywhere on the island.

"This was the biggest part of how we reached people," Dumbleton said.

The group also set up a pancake station early in the morning outside of Louie's Bar, the hottest party spot in South Padre, he said.

The spring breakers also were offered a hot breakfast later in the day at the Island Baptist Church, the mission's headquarters.

The Beach Reach program helped attract spring breakers with 3-by-5-foot sand sculptures of Christ created daily.

Dumbleton said the trip was a success.

"I will most definitely go next year," he said.

Highlights

Jamanis Piano Duo performance

The Jamanis Piano Duo will perform at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, in the college theater. General admission is \$10 and student and senior admission is \$8. For more information visit www.okccc.edu/globaled or call 682-1611, 1611, ext. 7579.

Gay and Lesbian Alliance hosts support day

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) encourages students across the campus to wear a blue shirt on Wednesday, April 14, in order to show support for Same-Sex Marriage Day. GALA encourages all students, faculty and staff to show their true colors regarding this civil rights issue. For more information contact sponsor Mark Schneberger at 682-1611, ext. 7624.

Hispanic organization meeting

The Hispanic Organization to Promote Education (HOPE) will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, in room 2N7. Officer elections will be held and members will be working on a scrapbook. For more information contact sponsor Jessica Martinez-Brooks at 682-1611, ext. 7248.

Health Professions club field trip

The Health Professions club will take a tour of the Children's Center in Bethany from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 16. Members will have the opportunity to meet with people who work in different health fields. All are welcome and transportation will be provided if needed. For more information contact sponsor Steve Kamm at 682-1611, ext. 7268.

Withdrawal deadline for spring classes

Students need to know that Friday, April 16, is the last day to withdraw from 16-week spring classes. For more information contact Admissions and Records at 682-1611, ext. 7512.

Employee of the Year, Elven Gray Award nominations

Nominations for the Employee of the Year and Elven Gray Awards should be submitted to Human Resources by Friday, April 16. Use the forms in the Electronic Forms file available from the Employee Home Page at <http://employee.okccc.edu/employee-forms.html>.

OKCCC Community Chorus performance

The OKCCC Community Chorus will perform "An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, in CU 1, 2 and 3. The concert is free, and all are welcome. For more information contact Jonathan Stewart at 682-1611, ext. 7249.

Oklahoma City University's 'Big Event'

OCU will be hosting their 'Big Event' on April 16 in OCU's Henry J. Freedle Wellness and Activity Center. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. and Papa John's will be offering free pizza at 3:40 p.m. Six local bands (Good to Go, Chasing Paris, Turnpike, Blake Hight, OCU Stomp and Welcome the Silence) will join Sugar Hill Gang and Home Grown along with comedian Zach Galifianakis. Admission is free to OCU students and \$15 for everyone else. For more information call 521-5221.

Highlights are due by 5 p.m. each Tuesday for publication in the next issue of the Pioneer.



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Making plans... Engineering Club President Michael Deloney (right) and faculty sponsor Dr. Debra Burris discuss upcoming events for the club. The club's next meeting will be on April 21. Contact Burris for more information at 682-1611, ext. 7187.

Reading club recruiting readers

Literary Excursions seeking new members

By Nicole Padilla
Staff Writer

In the world of today it seems as if everything is high tech and fast paced. It's all about computers, the Internet and getting information quicker and easier. What happened to sitting down with a good book and reading for entertainment?

One OKCCC club hasn't turned its back on pages just yet.

Literary Excursions is a book discussion club. It meets at 4 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month in room CU7.

The next meeting will be on April 15. At this meeting members will be discussing the latest book in their circle, "Tuesdays With Morrie," by Mitch Albom.

At each meeting members nominate and then vote on the next book that will be read and discussed at the following meeting.

Rena Gibson, president of Literary Excursions, hopes to draw more readers into the club.

She said the turnout so far hasn't been as good as they would have hoped. Right now about five or six people show up for the meetings, she said, and the club is definitely looking for new members.

"It's a relaxed environment for people who enjoy reading and not have to worry what other people think," Gibson said.

She said that reading the books is encouraged but not mandatory.

Gibson said those who are interested can just

show up at the meetings.

Gibson said the club has a few events that are still in the works.

They are trying to get a guest speaker to come and talk to the club.

They also are trying to get a volunteer work project together, helping out at local libraries, and reading to kids.

For more information on the club contact sponsors Michael Patches at 682-1611, ext. 7637, or Kim Jameson at 682-1611, ext. 7653.

Staff Writer/Club Reporter Nicole Padilla can be reached at staffwriter1@okccc.edu.

Got club news?

**Call Nicole at
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ext. 7676**

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BABYSITTER NEEDED: 1:30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in my home to sit with 4-month-old daughter while I work in my home office. Call Karen 681-5074.

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FOR RENT: Roommate wanted to share 2-bedroom apt. 5-minute drive from OKCCC. Call 681-8366.

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FURNITURE

FOR SALE: 2 futons - 1 with black metal frame, large, 8-in. thick mattress with fish design. Comes with extra cover with Asian design. Originally cost \$450. Will sell for \$150 OBO. Second futon is basic black metal frame with 5-in. thick mattress. Great cond. \$60 OBO. 759-3565

FOR SALE: Moving. Must sell. Sectional sofa, really nice, paid \$1,800, will sell for \$200. 10" Kicker Punch subwoofers in box, \$150; Pioneer CD player w/remote, \$100; glass dining table, \$25; TV stands, \$5 & \$10. Call 210-1707.

FOR SALE: Dual-reclining sofa w/ matching recliner. Good cond. \$200 OBO. 793-2088.

FOR SALE: Vintage upholstered '70s chair. 794-2078.

FOR SALE: One end table for \$50 cash. Two end tables and coffee tables that are black. Ask-

ing \$60 cash OBO. 912-0890.

MISCELLANEOUS

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FOR SALE: 2002 Inva Care heavy-duty manual wheelchair. Only used three times. Purchased for \$850, will sell for \$500. Call 476-1062.

FOR SALE: Burton Bullet 52 snowboard. NEW. Never been used. \$230 OBO. 745-7876.

FOR SALE: Wedding dress, size 4. Smooth white taffeta, long, ruffled train, embroidery, beadwork, off-the-shoulder sleeves with headpiece. \$400. 579-9509.

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FOR SALE: Utility trailer, 3,500 lb. axle, steel floor, 12'6"x6'6", bulldog hitch, tilt jack, painted top and bottom, polished wheels, light, 4' tailgate. New in 2000. Used 1 time. \$650 OBO; 30-gal. hot water heater. Used 1 yr. Good condition. \$40. Call 634-8729.

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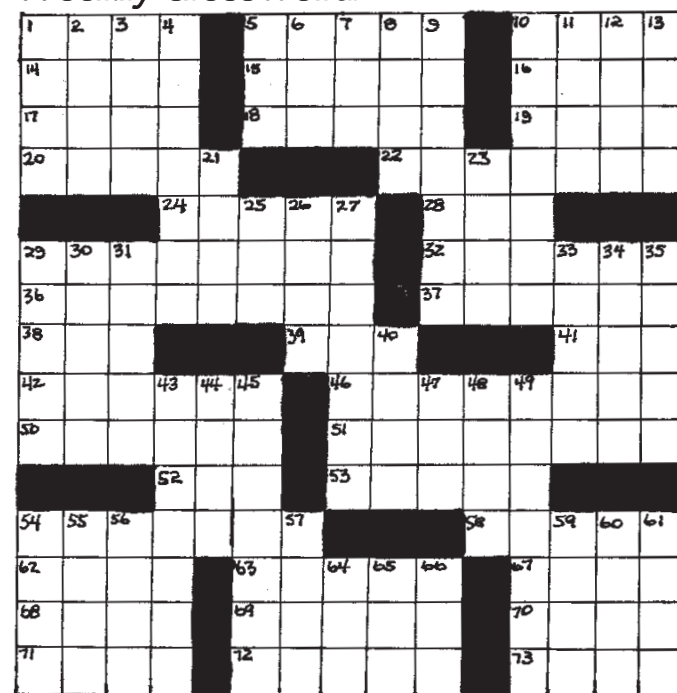
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TEXTBOOK WANTED: Student in search of Intro to Psychology book. PSY 1113 - 3rd edition. Call Heather at 517-4868.

TEXTBOOK FOR SALE: English composition 1213, \$30; Computer Keyboard, AOT 1113, \$25; Microword. AOT 1713, \$25. Call Elizabeth at 399-2153.

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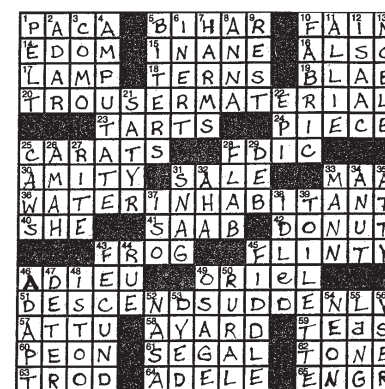


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Last week's answers

Some less-popular college degrees can offer successful futures

"Degrees,"

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said there will be three more classes offered in the fall. This program deals with computer forensics, he said.

"It deals with the whole concept of people trying to attack data and information on your computer," Heitkamper said. "Or not even on your computer. It could be a number of different things. It could be a cell phone..."

The government has given a grant to the University of Tulsa to train community college professors, Heitkamper said. This degree is complete as an Associate of Applied Science

degree so students can go right to work in the field. Also, students can receive an Associate of Science degree, intended for students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university, Heitkamper said.

There are many Oklahoma colleges and universities that carry this degree he said. Some include Rose State, Oklahoma State University-Okmulgee, and University of Tulsa.

Heitkamper said the United States government has partnered with TU where a student seeking this degree is given a four-year education and, in return, the student works in the National Security Office for two years.

Heitkamper said some students with a bachelor's

degree in this field are making six-figure incomes.

For students who are self motivated and wanting to earn money in their field while still in school, real estate may have some appeal.

Joseph Ramsey, professor of business/technology and a commercial real estate broker, said a person could be selling houses as early as 17 weeks into classes.

He said a student could take one 16-week course, take the [real estate] licensing exam and pass it.

"You are a [realtor] the moment you get your license."

Ramsey said real estate is not a profession for the lazy.

"It takes work and an amount of dedication to the profession."

He said after students receive their licenses, they are required to have 21 hours of continuing educa-

tion every three years. Students can take the classes at OKCCC, or take them for free at the Local Association of Realtors. The website is okcrealtors.com. As for the money to be made in the field, he said it depends on several factors. He offered a common scenario.

"Let's say a student could list and sell one house a month.

"If [the] commission was split between two brokerage firms, there would be 3.5 percent fee for the student and 3.5 percent of \$105,000 is going to be about \$3,600. If the student gets half that and the brokerage firm gets half that, then that student just made \$1,800 for simply listing and selling one house.

"If it's just the salesman themselves, that's twice that."

However, he said, students who are interested in this career just for the money, should think about another profession.

In a changing world, realtors need to be on top of their toes, he said.

"If you are not willing to learn you will not be successful.

"The reason I can say that is because it is changing so dramatically and so frequently that you've got to improve or replace your skills," he said.

Ramsey said he believes technology to be a driving force for a lot of change in the world of real estate.

Whatever degree program students are looking into, OKCCC provides many opportunities in finding a career of their choice.

College catalogs listing all degrees and certificate-based programs at the college can be picked up in Admissions and Records, located on the first floor of the main building. Or, students may view the information online at www.okccc.edu.

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Fulbright exchange prof to leave in July

"Prof,"

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professor from Poland to come to the states this year.

Back home, she works at a Baccalaureate school which, she said, is kind of like high school but a little more complex in the education process.

She said many of the students who attend there end up going to prestigious schools such as Harvard.

Grudzinska said many important people attend the graduation including Britain's Prince Andrew, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and the ambassador to Germany.

About 40 students graduate each year. She said the learning process between the students there and at OKCCC is pretty much the same except when it comes to motivation. She said, since the students at her school in Poland are younger, they are a little less motivated.

"I think students here

have a high motivation."

She said her biggest shock in the states has been the climate.

"The climate [in Oklahoma] is much warmer," she said.

"In Poland the latitude is 50 degrees north and here it's 30 degrees north.

"So it's a big difference in latitude," she said. She said she has enjoyed the warm weather.

"I'm probably the only person in my family that did..."

Also, she said, she liked the friendliness in Oklahoma.

"It's very friendly here. In Poland people are very busy and have their own lives and maybe aren't so open. Here, everybody's smiling and saying hello."

She, along with her daughter, 9, and son, 15, will be returning home in July to be back with her husband of 16 years who was unable to make the trip with them.

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